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TAKE NOTE

Cafeteria closes

The cafeteria in Bldg. 600 closes Friday. A meal truck will be available Monday through Friday 7:45-8 a.m. and 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Water report available

The Consumer Confidence Report on the quality of water in military housing will be provided to base residents this week. For more information, call Merianne Briggs at 643-1742, Ext. 457.

Clinic closed Monday

The McClellan Clinic will be closed Monday, in observance of Family Day.

Commissary closed Tuesday

The McClellan Commissary will be closed Tuesday, in observance of Independence Day.

Spacemaker holiday

The *Spacemaker* will not be published July 6, in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Legal closed for special function

The legal office will be close July 7 at 2 p.m.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan Air Force Base with professionalism and honor"

Time capsule moved

(right) Chris Wilfong, pavement and equipment operator, guides the capsule into the 8,000 pound vault. (below) Rich Hernandez and Matt Brett, pavement and equipment operators, assist with the placing of the lid. The time capsule was moved in front of the McClellan Employee Appreciation Memorial recently. The time capsule is scheduled to be opened in 2036.





U.S. Air Force photos by Serena S. Saris

Deadlines near for absentee voters

By Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Nov. 7, Election Day, is less than five months away. That may seem like a long time, but voting officials recommend absentee voters request ballots 45 days in advance, even further in advance if they haven't yet registered to vote in their home district. Hmm ... that window of opportunity is starting to narrow.

Officials with the Federal Voting Assistance Program have put a tremendous amount of information about absentee voting on the Internet. Some specific links military voters may find helpful are listed below.

How To Do It: Vote Absentee

This page consists of an electronic version of the useful pamphlet "How To Do It -- Vote Absentee." The pamphlet answers such questions as: Can I vote absentee? How do I apply for an absentee ballot? When is the best time to apply? The pamphlet is also available through unit and installation voting assistance offices. You can view the pamphlet online at www.fvap.ncr.gov/publications/howtoinfo.html

Online version of the Federal Post Card Application

This Web site, available off the main site listed below, was added to make voting easier for those without immediate access to a voting assistance office. The only down side to using this version is individuals must pay their own postage. The printed, card-stock version can be sent postage-

Toll-free voting assistance numbers in foreign countries

This page includes toll-free phone numbers to the Federal Voting Assistance Program from nearly 60 different countries. To obtain a list of numbers, visit www.fvap.ncr. gov/tollfree2000.htm

For more information, visit www.fvap. ncr.gov or call Maj. Mark Johnson, McClellan's voting project officer, at 643-0291. (AFPN)

Commentary

Korean War: Remembering the 50th anniversary

By Gen. Lester L. Lyles

commander of the Air Force Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- The

Korean War, which began 50 years ago last Sunday, marked the first challenge of the fledgling Air Force. It was the first "jet war" and the first armed conflict of the Cold War.

It also marked the beginning of an unbroken record of air superiority by the U.S. Air Force in conflicts around the globe. The predecessors of Air Force Materiel Command had a large role in setting and preserving that record.

As a result of the post-World War II demobilization, U.S. military forces at the onset of the Korean War were a fraction of the military machine that existed five years earlier. The Air Force's inventory numbered 20,000 aircraft, most of them obsolete. The fiscal 1951 aircraft procurement program, funded at \$1.5 billion, called for some 1,470 aircraft.

Two weeks into the conflict, that budget was increased to \$4.5 billion and 5,127 aircraft. When President Harry Truman declared a national emergency in December 1950, the newly created Office of Defense Mobilization planned for a production capacity of 50,000 aircraft per year and 18,000 jet engines per month.

Taking care of immediate needs while planning for the future was the job of Air Materiel Command and of Air Research and Development Command, the forerunners of Air Force Logistics Command and Air Force Systems Command, which eventually became AFMC.

Every AMC and ARDC unit was involved in supplying and supporting the war effort. For example:

- * Air materiel areas-which later became our air logistics centers-worked around the clock to restore mothballed aircraft to full combat capability and to outfit operational aircraft to combat configurations.
- * AMC units supplied necessary stocks of parts and equipment for deployment of these aircraft.

- * Research and development workers accelerated development and production of war-critical systems.
- * Product center-equivalents expedited operational readiness of air-to-ground missiles.
- * Laboratories sent engineers to the Far East Air Forces to correct performance problems of weapon systems.
- * Headquarters AMC halted and reversed the aggressive disposal of stock inventories to meet the rapidly increasing needs of a combat force.
- * Test center workers evaluated new systems to ensure operational effectiveness and safety.
- * Workers in ARDC transformed the F-86 Sabre from an outperformed, difficult-to-maintain fighter aircraft into the dominant force of the war.

Its several redesigns -- going from the 'A' to the 'H' model in the course of three years -- paired with the superior performance of our pilots resulted in an 8-to-1 kill ratio over the MiG-15. In fact, during May 1953, just before the end of the war, only one F-86 was lost in air battles that downed 55 MiG-15s.

We can feel justly proud of the way our predecessors supported our troops who fought on the Korean peninsula. Even beyond that, though, we owe a great debt of gratitude to those who took on the difficult, dangerous job of defending freedom, thousands of miles from home and family.

Let us never forget the sacrifice, courage and determination they demonstrated there. Today, as we carry on the proud tradition of providing superior support and cutting-edge technology, let's remember that our mission is to sustain the war fighters, and do our level best to minimize the ranks of those will make the ultimate sacrifice.

All the work we do today, as during the Korean War -- in the laboratories, test centers, ALCs and product centers -- is aimed at that end: keeping our Air Force the best-equipped, most technologically advanced fighting force in the world. And I know the talented people of today's AFMC will keep it that way. (*AFMCNS*)

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"Completing the mission of McClellan AFB with professionalism and honor"

NCOA supports local Special Olympics

Fifteen volunteers from McClellan Air Force Base represented the Noncommissioned Officers Association at the Northern California Special Olympics Summer Games held in Stockton, Calif., June 8-11.

Most of the volunteers comprised the "G-Team" or Gopher Team. The team was responsible for the set-up and tear down of the venues, collecting trash, and delivering lunches and water to the 1,200 athletes and coaches who participated. Staff Sgt. Bill Brokop, 77th Communications Squadron, was transportation director and responsible for coordinating all the movement of the athletes and coaches throughout the three-day

event. Airman 1st Class Erin Morris, 77th CS, helped staff the game headquarters and coordinate activities for the six venues.

This is the seventh consecutive year the McClellan NCOA chapter has supported the event. Senior Master Sgt. Wes Wheeler, 77th Support Group, organized the volunteer effort for this year's event, which was held at San Joaquin Delta College and the University of the Pacific.

Besides Wheeler, Brokop and Morris, a special thanks goes out to the rest of the "G-Team" for donating their time and efforts for this outstanding cause. They were:

77th Medical Operations Squadron:

Tech. Sgt. Craig Taylor, Senior Airmen Sabrina Amador, Paul Barnett and Cassandra Owens.

77th Air Base Wing:

Staff Sgts. Donna Brokop and Tim Wasut, Senior Airman Chad Hicks and Airman 1st Class Jeremy Johnson.

77th Communication Squadron:

Tech. Sgt. Scott Starling and Airman 1st Class Tony Torcivia.

77th Mission Support Squadron:

Airman 1st Class Karen Beauchamps.

Sacramento Air Logistics Center:

Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan. (*Article submitted by NCOA*)

Pay increase for service members

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Most service members will see their pay increase in July as a result of the final leg of the compensation triad passed by Congress last year.

Pay table reform goes into effect in July with about 75 percent of service members receiving raises of one-half percent to 5.5 percent, said Navy Capt. Elliott Bloxom, director of Department of Defense compensation. The other two legs of the triad DoD pushed last year were the overall 4.8 percent raise in January and retirement reform.

The increase in July is in addition to the January raise. "This is a permanent adjustment or correction to the pay table to reward performance over longevity," Bloxom said. "This restores some of the balance the pay table has lost over the last 50 years." He said the reform has two other effects: every promotion will be worth more in terms of absolute dollars, and the table still provides meaningful longevity raises.

The percentage hike that people see in July varies depending on where and how much the pay table was out of adjustment, Bloxom said. Members will see changes if the table was out of whack or none if the table was about right -- E-2 rates, for instance, don't change July 1, he said.

"The E-2 pay raise has historically been more than the E-3 or E-4 pay raise in terms of dollar values," Bloxom said. "We put a lot of

money into the E-3 and E-4, such that, with that promotion it brings more than the E-2."

Regardless how much their pay increases July 1, all service members will benefit from the reform as they continue to serve and are promoted. "That's why I call it an adjustment," Bloxom said. "People will still get the this raise one, two, three or four years from now."

The officer pay table will receive a bigger boost than the enlisted table because, Bloxom said, it was more out of whack. "We only get the officer pay table back to about 53 percent of a person's increases in pay due to promotion and 47 percent due to longevity," he said.

But, he said, overall more money went into the enlisted pay table. "So over the course of time enlisted personnel will receive more successive pay raises as a result of pay table reform," he said.

He said the 9th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation is now under way and the panel is looking at the enlisted pay table. He said Congress is also looking at pinpointed raises for mid-level NCOs.

"The 9th QRMC is looking at enlisted pay issues across the board from entry pay through the balance that's struck between senior level NCO pay vs. Officer pay -- levels of responsibility, degrees of education," he said. He said he hopes that when the panel finishes, DoD will see some concrete recommendations for what to do with enlisted pay. (*AFPN*)

"Hogs 'N' Flight III" July 9

The McClellan Aviation Museum Foundation, in conjunction with Harley Davidson of Sacramento and the Eagle 96.9, is sponsoring "Hogs 'N' Flight III", July 9, noon to 4 p.m. at McClellan Air Force Base.

Bikes will gather at the Peace-keeper Gate, Gate 1, between 11:30 a.m. and noon, they will continue in parade fashion around the base exchange and

park at the museum. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy the afternoon at the McClellan Aviation Museum.

All motorcycle riders are welcome to this free event. A drawing will be held during the event to win a 2000 Harley-Davidson "Fat Boy" motorcycle. Run pins, bike games and T-shirts will be available. Gringo Loco will be playing Rock and Blues music during this event.

All proceeds will benefit the McClellan Aviation Museum Foundation.

For more information, call Tony Gabbard or Al Brown at 643-3192.

Preserve McClellan's historical significance

By Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan

Closure Office

As we move toward closure, it is important that we preserve the historical significance of McClellan Air Force Base. People are departing every day. Directorates and squadrons are closing one-byone. This creates the potential for items of historical significance being disposed of, or forever disappearing.

McClellan Air Force Base is rich in history and it is our duty to preserve as much of it as we possibly can. A team was established with the sole responsibility of identifying and collecting items with historical value. The team has already began visiting buildings on base and will continue until it has gone through each one. We'll need the assistance of every building manager to ensure we gain access to every facility on base.

The team is identifying items with possible historical value to the history office and the museum curator for final determination. If the item is of historical value it will be tagged and, if available, taken to the museum for cataloging and eventual display.

Sought-after items would include those that illuminate the origins and construction of McClellan; historical missions, functions, or activities of the base; and its support of or interaction with the surrounding community.

McClellan has had a significant impact in the shaping of the Air Force Materiel Command, Air Force, Department of Defense, and the Sacramento community. It is essential that we preserve this heritage. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bernhard Linne at 643-1000 or Al Brown at 643-3192.

News Notes

Airman's manual training session today

The 77th Mission Support Squadron will host a training session on the Airman's manual, section 3, today in Bldg. 237 theater.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Larry Cocker at 643-0293.

VSIP, VERA announcement closes Friday

The Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority announcement is open through Friday. This is the last opportunity for employees to apply for VSIP/VERA for separation no later than April 13, 2001. Employees with a current reduction in forces separation notice with an effective date of Sept. 29 are encouraged to apply as well. A copy of the announcement, application and information packet can be obtained at the civilian personnel office, Bldg. 200, Room 45 or the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 200, Room 40. Submit completed applications to civilian personnel by 4 p.m. Friday. For more information, call Joanne Hammond at 643-5940 or 643-0048.

Holiday hours

Outdoor Adventure, Monday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, closed; Auto Hobby Shop, Base Restaurant Bldg. 280, Club McClellan, Monday and Tuesday, closed; CDC, Monday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, closed; Golf Course, Monday and Tuesday, dawn to dusk; Youth Center, Monday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, closed; Library, Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, closed; Tickets and Tours, Monday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fitness Center, Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, closed.

AFSA, NCOA hosting annual picnic Tuesday

Chapter 1322 and A1322 of the Air Force Sergeants Association and the Noncommissioned Officers Association are hosting their annual picnic Tuesday at McClellan's Freedom Park. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. The event is free to all AFSA and NCOA members, their guests and families. For more information, call the Master Sgt. Steve Diamond, chapter president, at 643-2321.

Monthly military retiree meeting

The next monthly retiree meeting is July 12, 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center, old NCO club. This month's guest speaker is Larry Kelley, president of McClellan Park. Kelley will give an update on the conversion of McClellan Air Force Base to McClellan Park.

This is an opportunity to ask questions on the areas affecting retirees. All military retirees, spouses and widows are invited to attend.

IT equipment change in procedure

The closure operation warehouse, located in Bldg. 786, J Bay, has a change in procedure. All intake and pickup appointments must be scheduled through the Base Transportation office at 643-2717. This includes Information Technology equipment (Automated Data Processing Equipment) turn-ins and County reviews. This change is effective immediately. For more information, call the closure flight at 643-0627 or 643-2740.

May's military justice actions

- An airman first class was processed May 18 for failure to pay debt. The airman first class was reduced to airman, suspended, restricted to McClellan Air Force Base for 15 days and received 15 days extra duty.
- An airman first class was processed May 18 for failure to pay debt and failure to obey order. The airman first class was reduced to airman basic, suspended, restricted to McClellan Air Force Base for 15 days, received 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.
- A technical sergeant was processed May 23 for failure to go. The technical sergeant was reduced to staff sergeant and forfeited \$200 pay per month for two months.
- A senior airman was processed May 30 for possession of marijuana. The senior airman was reduced to airman first class and forfeited \$250 pay per month for two months.

Base closure briefing July 11

The base closure expectation briefing is set for July 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the FM Conference Room, Bldg. 200, this month because of the 4th of July holiday. The briefing will continue to be held the first Tuesday of the month until no longer required. Many organizations are scheduled to close in September 2000. The briefing will explain what is expected as buildings are cleared for closure. Everyone is welcome to attend this briefing and ask questions. For more information, call Mike Ballengee at 643-3286.

Memorabilia at Club McClellan

Club McClellan has McClellan Air Force Base memorabilia for sale. Wine glasses, \$7; T-Shirts, \$7; and hats, \$5. Supplies are limited. For more information, call Club McClellan at 643-3526.

Air Force observes Family Day Monday

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force will go to minimum manning as its people observe Family Day Monday. Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, directed the observance.

"In recognition of the high (operations tempo) by Air Force people around the world, we will observe a family day Monday," the chief of staff said.

The Air Force will go to minimum manning at all duty locations commensurate with security and military operations in forward theaters, the message states.

"All commanders will ensure they have minimum manning on Monday, July 3," General Ryan said in the message. "The intent of this action is to give our people personal time away from their duty stations to spend with their families and friends.

"Commanders will arrange a suitable alternative family day for those who must work on July 3," the general added.

The message further states that commanders should follow all pass and leave

guidance and are encouraged to allow liberal leave for civilian employees, in accordance with applicable civilian leave instructions

"Gen. Ryan has designated Monday as a family day with minimum manning throughout the Air Force for all military members and here at McClellan I have also extended liberal leave to civilians on base," said Jim Barone, Sacramento Air Logistics Center director.

"Those of us, whether civilian or military, have pledged to support and defend the Constitution and the freedom it stands for so we all can use a day to reflect on that freedom and spend some quality time with our families. As you celebrate this holiday try to think of it not as another holiday but a day of peace and remembrance of what price has been paid for the freedom so many take for granted."

"Freedom is not free -- it is made possible by the sacrifices of those who have served and continue to serve the United

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-- Jim Barone SM-ALC director

States of America," Ryan said.

"You have earned the gratitude and respect of your fellow Americans."

"Please be safe! Don't drink and drive and remember to be safe around the water," said Barone. "We value each of you and want you back here safe and sound."

Don't forget pets July 4th

Fireworks can terrify pets. As a result, many pets run away or injure themselves trying to escape from the noise the fireworks make. Pet owners need to take special pre-

cautions in the days before, during and just after the

luring and just after the 4th of July.

Be aware that fireworks frighten pets, and check on your pets regularly.

In the evenings, keep your pets confined inside your house or in the garage. Make sure your pets have plenty of fresh drinking water.

If you must leave your dog on a chain outside, make sure the chain does not reach to the fence, and make sure the chain cannot get caught on anything. (Information submitted by the McClellan Safety Office.)

Tips for safe, fun, enjoyable Independence Day

Independence day is a time to celebrate freedom, visit with friends, and enjoy the summer weather.

Here are a few tips to help ensure a successful event:

■ Refrain from the temptation to use

illegal fireworks (shoot into the air, explode, or zip around uncontrollably on the ground).

If your home has a shake shingle roof, you might want to celebrate at home on the 4th (and have plenty of garden hose handy).

■ Don't let children play with fireworks unattended.

■ Save money — attend

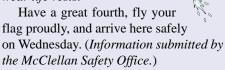
one of the many organized fireworks displays.

■ Remember that sparkler wires remain hot for several minutes after they're extinguished and pose a puncture potential when thrown on the ground. They're also not real safe when lit in the hands of uncontrolled children (LOOK OUT!).

■ Make sure you place your BBQ grill at least three feet away from the house and out from under any patio covers.

■If water sports will

be involved, don't leave children unattended -- even for a second. In the rivers and lakes, ALL participants should wear life vests.



Jobs

Focus Center

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 200, Room 40, at 643-5661. The center is open Monday and Wednesday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Note: Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSAs and/or additional information.

Position: Contact Representative Technical Sup-

port Technician, GS-962-05 Annc#: FS101325 (NMH)

Close: June 30

Location: Oakland, Alameda, Richmond, CA Agency: Social Security Administration POC: USA Jobline (415) 744-5627

Remarks: See note.

Position: Personnel Management Specialist, GS-

201-05

Annc#: USGS-2000-0935

Close: June 30

Location: San Mateo County, CA Agency: Interior, Geological Survey POC: Christine Callesen (650) 329-4101

Remarks: See note.

Position: Contact Representative (Bilingual), GS-

0962-05/07

Annc#: Delex-SR-00-089

Close: June 30

Location: Carmichael, CA

Agency: Social Security Administration **POC**: Agency Job Hotline (510) 970-8484

Remarks: See note

Position: Contact Representative (Bilingual), GS-

0962-05/07

Annc#: Delex-SR-00-088

Close: June 30

Location: Carmichael, CA

Agency: Social Security Administration **POC**: Agency Job Hotline (510) 970-8484

Remarks: See note.

Position: Program Analyst, GS-343-09/11

Annc#: 00-703-1CP **Close**: June 30

Location: Alameda, CA

Agency: DOT, U.S. Coast Guard **POC**: U.S. Coast Guard (800) 842-8740

Remarks: See note.

Position: Computer Specialist, GS-334-09/12

Annc#: OIG-00-219 Close: July 13

Location: San Francisco, CA

Agency: HHS, Ofc Sec Health and Human Ser-

vices

POC: D. Fitzgerald (202) 619-0146

Remarks: See note.

Position: Personnel Management Specialist, GS-

201-11

Annc#: USGS-2000-0947

Close: July 3

Location: San Mateo County, CA Agency: Interior, Geological Survey POC: Christine Callesen (650) 329-4101

Remarks: See note.

Position: Personnel Management Specialist, GS-

201-11

Annc#: USGS-2000-0948

Close: July 3

Location: San Mateo County, CA Agency: Interior, Geological Survey POC: Christine Callesen (650) 329-4101

Remarks: See note.

Position: Computer Specialist, GS-334-11

Annc#: DEA-314-00 Close: Sept. 21 Location: Monterey, CA Agency: Navy Field Offices

POC: Department of the Navy (619) 615-5598

Remarks: See note.

Position: Personnel Management Specialist, GS-

201-11

Annc#: USGS-2000-0949

Close: July 3

Location: San Mateo County **Agency**: Interior, Geological Survey **POC**: Christine Callesen (650) 329-4101

Remarks: See note.

Position: Personnel Management Specialist, GS-

201-12

Annc#: USGS-2000-0950

Close: July 3

Location: San Mateo County **Agency**: Interior, Geological Survey **POC**: Christine Callesen (650) 329-4101

Remarks: See note.

Position: Computer Specialist, GS-334-11/12

Annc#: W/NMF/SWC/000340.DH

Close: July 19

Location: Santa Cruz, CA

Agency: Commerce, Nat Oceanic and Atmo-

spheric Admin **POC**: (206) 526-6294 **Remarks**: See note.

Position: Personnel Management Specialist, GS-

201-11

Annc#: USGS-2000-0948

Close: July 3

Location: San Mateo County **Agency**: Interior, Geological Survey **POC**: Christine Callesen (650) 329-4101

Remarks: See note.

Position: Equipment Specialist (Electronics), GS-

1670-11/13

Annc#: WCPOC-1600 Close: Indefinite

Location: All Western States Agency: Department of the Army POC: Resumix team (520) 538-1580

Remarks: See note.

Non-Federal Jobs

Position: Project Manager / Estimator Salary: \$11.00 to 13.00 per hour Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Granite POC: (831) 724-1011 Remarks: See note.

Position: Payroll Clerk

Salary: \$11.00 to 13.00 per hour Location: Sacramento, CA Agency: Appleone POC: (916) 483-2792

Remarks: See note. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional informa-

tion.

News Notes

Job Fair

Port Hueneme is hosting an open house at the FOCUS center for mechanical and environmental engineers July 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Administrative leave is authorized for this function. For more information, call Greg Eason at 643-5661.

Here's an opportunity to make some extra money!

The McClellan Inn is looking for house-keeping staff. Great environment, flexible hours, may include holidays and weekends. For more information, call the non appropriated funds personnel office at 643-4296.



Movies

Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

Screwed - Friday

Starring: Norm MacDonald, Dave Chappelle

Willard, the abused and under appreciated chauffeur to Miss Crock, has devised a fool-proof plan for revenge. Along with his hotheaded best friend Rusty, he will kidnap the nasty woman's prized pooch, holding it ransom. But when the dog escapes, Miss Crock mistakenly comes to the conclusion that it's her chauffeur who's been kidnapped. (PG - 13 - crude sex-related humor, nudity, language, some violence and brief drug content)

Gladiator- Saturday and Sunday

Starring: Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix In A.D. 180, when a cruel new Emperor of Rome, Commodus, takes power, he strips the rank from Maximus, one of the favored generals of his predecessor and father, the great stoic philosopher-king, Emperor Marcus Aurelius. Relegated to fighting in the gladiator arenas to the death lest he challenge Commodus for the emperorship, can this former leader of men survive long enough to break his chains and wreak his vengeance on his mortal enemy, the man who rules Rome? (*R* - for intense, graphic combat)

Youth Center

- Today: Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m. and 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Moms, Pops, and Tots, 10-11 a.m.
- Friday: Open recreation, snack bar and gym, 2-6 p.m.; Pre-teen night, ages 9-12, 6:30-9 p.m., members free, nonmembers \$2.
- Saturday: Open recreation and snack bar from noon-5 p.m. Art Club meets at noon.
 - Sunday: Closed
- Monday: Open recreation and gym, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.
 - Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-5:15 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning dance lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call 643-2074.

Commissary "Best Value Item" program launches Saturday

By Bonnie Powell

Defense Commissary Agency

The best prices. Period.

Mark your calendar. Saturday is the day you can walk into your commissary and find a variety of popular products marked with "Best Value Item" signs.

Take a look and believe it. If it's marked Best Value Item, the price beats any other brand on your commissary shelf or any brand at the local grocery store.

The Defense Commissary Agency is making the job of bargain hunting easier for military shoppers and the agency is putting a massive effort into making sure military shoppers get the best prices on products ranging from snacks to paper goods.

"Our customers have earned their benefit and we're going to make sure they are getting the best prices through this program," said DeCA director, Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter, Jr.

The Best Value Item, or BVI, program begins in commissaries worldwide Saturday, with about 100 items in popular sizes. Courter said he expects that number to escalate well into the hundreds.

Commissary customers entering the store Saturday will definitely get the idea that something special is afoot. A poster will greet them at the door and flyers explaining the program will be handed out; shelf signs will point the way to BVIs, and store employees will be ready to answer customer questions. Simply put, a Best

Value Item sign means that product has been identified as the best price available on grocery shelves anywhere. The program responds to customer demand for more price savings. The commissary system is making an effort to encourage single shoppers, military families and retirees on fixed incomes to take greater advantage of their benefit.

Commissary store directors will be working hard to make sure military shoppers get the best prices without the hassle of having to research prices at the commissary - or at stores outside the gate.

DeCA has identified popular products and sizes to kick off the program, but shoppers can expect to see changes in the products marked as BVIs every time they shop. Frozen and chill products will be added this summer according to DeCA officials. And today's BVI might not be tomorrow's. Product selection and variety will change rapidly in a continuing effort to drive commissary prices down even further.

The Best Value Item program is not just "another" commissary promotion. As the Best Value Item program evolves, customers will also get more help in spotting BVIs. This fall, flashing shelf lights will point the way to value on commissary shelves. Best Value Items will be hard to miss.

"Make no mistake," said Courter, "this is an ongoing program that has the commitment of the entire agency behind it. We want every customer to understand that products marked as 'Best Value Items' are indeed the best prices. Period."

Mammogram films available

Women who have had mammograms done at the McClellan Clinic Radiology Department should stop by and pick the films up. The mammography films are available for immediate pickup. This announcement applies to all active duty, dependents of active duty and retired fe-

males. The radiology department will be shipping all X-ray films to St. Louis, Mo. for permanent storage.

For more information, call the radiology department at 643-8419. (*Information provided by the 77th Medical Operations Squadron.*)

Looking for a civilian job? Here's help

Jerry Crews, deputy director of the Officer Placement Service for The Retired Officers Association, an expert on transitioning from military to civilian employment, will be here July 11, 9-11:30 a.m. at the McClellan Community Center, Bldg. 1425, to talk all military service members, civilians and spouses on "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career".

In his free 2 1/2 hour presentation, Crews

will introduce the audience to the realities of the competition in the civilian job market; the perceptions civilian employers have of military personnel; a plan for the job search; tips for strengthening the resume; networking plans; preparing for and conducting a successful interview and salary negotiations and benefit packages.

The presentation is up-to-date and has a

reputation as a "must attend" for those 3 years, or less, from separation or retirement.

Military members, civilians and their spouses, are invited to attend the free lecture. A free copy of the publication, *Marketing Yourself for a Second Career*, will be available.

For more information, call Gina Walker at 643-1106.

Military fantasy job contest ends Tuesday

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Web surfers have until Tuesday to submit essays for the Yahoo! Military Fantasy Job contest.

The contest, launched on Armed Forces Day, May 20, already has more than 2,400 essays. The essay should be 200 words explaining why a person would want the fantasy job.

The Air Force is leading the pack with their fantasy job of shadowing an F-15 Eagle pilot and a flight in the fighter jet.

The Army allows the winner to parachute with the Golden Knights and fly in the front seat of an AH-64 Apache.

The Navy winner gets a carrier landing and a chance to tour a carrier and work with members of the crew.

The Marines will give their winner a chance to see what it's like to join "The Few."

The Marine winner will go through five days of training at their "basic course" at Quantico, Va.

The Coast Guard winner will get a chance to train with rescue swimmers and drive a cutter.

The Defense Department and Yahoo! officials have been pleased with the contest so far.

"This is a way to raise awareness about Department of Defense with the general public," said Navy Cmdr. Yvette Brown-Wahler, DoD's assistant director for recruiting plans. "It's a way for Americans to connect with the military."

It is also a way to aid recruiting. DoD paid \$250,000 to advertise the Yahoo! military fantasy jobs. Brown-Wahler said more and more Americans are relying on the Internet for information. In many cases, the Web reaches just the people DoD would like to recruit.

For more information or to submit an essay, visit **http://careers.yahoo.com** click on Yahoo! Fantasy Careers. (*AFPN*)

SWAP MEET

For Sale

Camper Shell -- For 98 or newer Dodge Dakota model truck. Green, tinted windows, 1 year old, exc. cond., paid \$900, asking \$450 obo. Call 564-9765.

Co-sleeper crib/play yard -- elevated crib with drop down side attaches to parents bed, can be used as a portable crib, play yard and changing table, includes sheets, carrying case and interior pads. In new cond, \$80. Call 334-0876.

Household items -- Kenmore refrigerator with ice maker, exc. cond., 1 year old, \$450; matching heavy duty Maytag washer and dryer, \$300; 4-poster Queen bed, 2 matching night stands, large armoire, \$375; large glass curio, \$75. Call 961-1642. Cash only!

Motorhome -- 94 28' Fleetwood Bounder, 454 Chevy chassis, fully equipped including hydraulic leveling jacks, awning and towing pkg.

Well maintained with 30K miles, \$37,500. Call 791-4710 eves.

PCS Sale -- Tires and rims off Toyota pickup, 195R14, \$100; dinette, \$50; 2 dog houses, \$20 ea; JVC speakers, \$50 pair; Scanport scanner, \$30. Call 334-2153 for list of other items.

Sail plane -- Spirit sail plane, 78.5-inch wingspan, 40-inch length, weight 28 ounces, \$50 obo. Call (530) 755-2109 after 5 p.m.

Yard Sale -- Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon, 7956 Seneca Way, Capehart Housing. Household items: Oak entertainment stand, \$75; 12X15 green rug, \$50; fireplace mantel, \$100; 20 gal fish tank w/ stand, \$25; 55 gal fish tank, complete, \$200; 75lb. weight bag, \$50; boys 26" 10-speed bike, \$25; five 3-shelf book cases, \$10 ea; 3 Angels X-mas lawn art, \$70; nativity, \$40, oak bunk full-twin, \$200, 2 oak dressers, \$100 ea. Call 331-6734.

Editor's note: Swap ads are a free, spaceavailable-only service for military members, civil service employees, retirees and associated family members possessing current ID cards. The ads must be for the personal use of the card holder.

Only a home phone or address may be used in the ad; no base extensions or base e-mail addresses are allowed, except for dormitory residents (residential status must be stated on ad). Personal e-mail addresses will be accepted. Drop off ads at Bldg. 200, room 125. Swap ads will not be published without a signature.

The deadline is noon, Wednesday for possible publication in the following Thursday's issue. Only one Swap ad per household per week, up to 50 words, may be submitted.

However, the ad can apply to more than one category, such as items wanted/trade, vehicles, furniture and yard sales. Spacemaker reserves the right to edit. No ads for money-making businesses, including daycare, or the sale of firearms or firearm accessories will be accepted. To run a swap ad again, it must be resubmitted. For more information, call the Spacemaker at 643-6100.